Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Nobody disputed that. He is of course.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether he is not given the status of a High Court Judge in other places like Madras and Travancore?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr A. B. Se am *(Mattancheri)*: What is the status that you give to him at present?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: That question has already been answered.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: It is stated, he is placed below the Chief Medical Officer. My question is what is the status.

Mr. President: Order, order. That question is answered on the paper.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, how the salary of the Advocate-General compares with the salary of similar officers both in Travancore and in Madras.

Mr. President: Order, order. That question has already been put and answered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri:)* It has not been answered, Sir, though it has been put.

Mr. President: Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: The answer gives only his place in the Athachamayam List.

Rama Varmha Thampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I referred to it because that is the latest list.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: My question is, what is his place in the Durbar List?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The Athachamayam List is also the Durbar List.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Has this been the pay, Sir, of the Advocate-General for the last many years?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I don't remember. I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether it was not Rs. 400 fixed and not a graded pay of Rs. 250-400 as now.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

CERTAIN ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT—INTERPRETATION OF

69. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi)*: Will Government be pleased to state the effect of the clause "without affecting the claims of others" in orders of Government in the appointments and transfers of Government servants?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Without knowing the particular order under reference, a reply cannot be given.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Sir, have the Government passed any order stating like this—"without affecting the claims of others". Any single order?

Mr. President: Very likely.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Then may I know the effect of that clause? What does it mean?

Mr. President: Exactly what it says. The order in question refers only to that particular case and it does not affect others. That is what it means.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: When one officer is appointed over several officers who have got greater service, does it mean that when a new vacancy arises the claims of those officers will be affected?

Mr. President: I am afraid that the Hon'ble Member is putting a hypothetical question. If he would quote a particular order to which he takes exception and would ask the Government the meaning of that order, a full and complete answer will be given. But we cannot answer questions of this hypothetical nature.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: I take objection to all such orders and I wanted to know the meaning of the clause.

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Mr. President: Well, if the Hon'ble Member will quote one of these orders to which he takes exception and ask for the implication of these words, it will be given to him.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether S. O. No. 16 does not lay down in express terms that when an appointment is made though officiating, care should be taken to see that when that office falls permanently vacant that officiating hand should be given that post.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The Hon'ble Member is quite correct. There is a provision like that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In view of that provision in the S. O. how will the Government be justified, Sir, in saying "without prejudice to the claims of others", in putting certain officers of lower ranks over the heads of many others higher above?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* So far as I could follow one does not contradict the other position.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has the Government ever overlooked other claims?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* So far as the Government are aware, no.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In the light of the answer that many such orders are passed, will the Government be pleased to consider, Sir, the desirability of deleting S. O. 16 from the Standing Orders?

Rama Varmha Tampurn *(Secretary to Government):* There is no need for that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* So, Sir, the Government are not prepared even to consider that question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* No.

PERSONS DISMISSED FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE

70. Mr. K. R. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to furnish a list of persons dismissed from Government service during the last five years, beginning from Chingam 1115, together with reasons for dismissal in each case?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* A list is placed on the Council table.

DEARNESS ALLOWANCE

71. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state whether it has been seen that the grant of Dearness Allowance amounting to a tenth of the income of the State has not produced the desired results; but has helped inflation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The Government do not accept the Hon'ble Member's conclusion as to the effect of the grant of Dearness Allowance.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government have received any representation that the Dearness Allowance did not make these officers of the lower ranks to live the life that they were living before?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Not recently, not anyone of these days. Formerly we used to get representations for increased allowance, but recently we have not been receiving any.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Recently means, after the Dearness Allowance was raised?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government sympathetiically consider, Sir, the question of enhancing the Dearness Allowance even to persons drawing below Rs. 150 to be more exact Rs. 141?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Goverment):* The Government have stated several times on the floor of this House that they would ever review the position from time to time and when it becomes necessary to raise the Dearness Allowance they will never hestitate to do so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether it was not on that assurance that a cut motion to that effect that was discussed here during the Budget Session was withdrawn on a tip from proper quarters?

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member might well be a little more explicit?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Thank you, Sir. Are the Government aware, Sir, that a cut motion by the questioner, my humbleself, to the effect that the Dearness Allowance of all officers up to Rs. 300 be increased from the existing rate, *i. e.*, up to Rs. 25 cent per cent, 25-50 75 per cent, 50-100 50 per cent; like that up to Rs. 300, was discussed during the Budget Session? Are the Government aware, Sir, of such a discussion?

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